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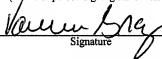
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 15, 2008, having
a one-month term for response set to expire on February 15, 2008, wherein restriction was
required among the claims as follows:

Group I, claims 1, 6-22, 27-43 and 48-63, which the Examiner characterizes as "drawn to motion vector detection/generation in non-compressed images;" and

Group II, claims 2-5, 23-26 and 44-47, which the Examiner characterizes as "drawn to panoramic image generation."

It is respectfully requested that the grouping of the claims be revised because the claims presented by the Preliminary Amendment filed with this Continuation application had not been taken into account. For example, claims 7-8, 16-17, 28-29, 37-38, 49-50 and 58-59, which the Examiner included in the Group I claims, have been canceled. In addition, claims 64-80 have been added.

Moreover, it is submitted the Examiner's characterization of the two groups of claims does not accurately reflect the features that arguably may be relied upon as a basis for restriction. In an effort to maintain arguably restrictable claim groupings, it appears that the claims of Group I do not recite vibration generation, whereas the claims of Group II do.

Should the Examiner reconsider his grouping of the claims and include in his groupings all the claims present in this application, it is believed the following groups of claims might be proper:

Group I claims 1, 6, 9-15, 18-22, 27, 30-36, 39-43, 48, 51-57 and 60-77; and

Group II claims 2-5, 23-26, 44-47 and 78-80.

If the Examiner agrees with the foregoing groups of claims, applicants, by their representative, elect Group I claims 1, 6, 9-15, 18-22, 27, 30-36, 39-43, 48, 51-57 and 60-77, without traverse. However, if the Examiner does not agree with applicants' reformulated groupings of the claims, then applicants respectfully request a new Office Action to replace the

Office Action of January 15, 2008 in order to take into full account all of the claims presented in this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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